

TO: JOHN P. BOHENKO, CITY MANAGER
FROM: KELLI L. BARNABY, CITY CLERK
RE: ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE PORTSMOUTH CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MAY 5, 2008, EILEEN DONDERO FOLEY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL COMPLEX, ONE JUNKINS AVENUE, PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE
PRESENT: MAYOR FERRINI, ASSISTANT MAYOR BLALOCK, COUNCILORS NOVELLINE CLAYBURGH, DWYER, SMITH, KENNEDY, SPEAR, RAYNOLDS AND PANTELAKOS

1. At 6:00 p.m., an Anticipated "Non-Meeting" with Counsel was held regarding negotiations.
2. Presentation - USS NH Commissioning – Michael Stevens, USS New Hampshire Commanding Officer, and Bruce Clark, Chairman of the Commissioning Committee – Bruce Clark, Chairman of the Commissioning Committee announced that Portsmouth has been selected by the Secretary of the Navy as the location for the commissioning of the USS New Hampshire. Commander Michael Stevens informed the City Council that the Commissioning ceremony will be held on October 25, 2008 at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard from 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
3. Save the Old State House Committee – Dave Engel, Chair (Not on agenda) – Dave Engel Chair of the Committee informed the City Council that he would like to donate the model of the Old State House to be displayed at the Library.

Voted to suspend the rules in order to accept the donation. Voted to graciously accept the donation of Mr. Engel and have the model of the Old State House displayed at the Library upon the approval of the Board of Library Trustees.
4. Acceptance of Minutes – April 16, 2008 and April 21, 2008 – Voted to accept and approve the minutes of the April 16, 2008 and April 21, 2008 City Council meetings.
5. Public Comment Session – There were three speakers: Harold Ecker (City Business); Russ Grazier and Ellen Fineberg (Art-Speak).
6. Voted to suspend the rules in order to take up Item XI. A.1. – Grant Funding Request Re: Art-Speak.
7. Grant Funding Request Re: Art-Speak – Moved to approve the request for \$20,000.00 from the City's UDAG funds to partially cover the labor costs for delivery of Art-Speak services. Voted to amend the motion that the City Council approve \$10,000.00 from UDAG funds and match dollar for dollar outside money brought in from Art-Speak up to an additional \$10,000.00 from UDAG funds. Main motion passed as amended.
8. Voted to suspend the rules in order to take up Items XI. A.2. – Report Back Re: Wamesit Place and XI. A.3. – Portsmouth Housing Authority Lease for Lafayette School.

9. Report Back Re: Wamesit Place – Voted to accept the report back from the CDBG Citizens Advisory Committee and authorize the City Manager to take actions necessary to implement that recommendation.
10. Portsmouth Housing Authority Lease for Lafayette School – Voted to authorize the City Manager to negotiate and take other actions necessary to execute a lease agreement between the City and Lafayette School Senior Apartments Limited Partnership for the lease of Lafayette School for use as 10 units of senior housing.
11. Acceptance of Community Development Block Grant – Voted to accept a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) in the amount of \$646,806.00 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.
12. Acceptance of Police Department Donations
 - Retired Gym Equipment from John Parker
 - Police Honor Guard from P. L. Cashman - \$30.00
 - Police Explorers from W.B. and P.A. Holt - \$50.00
 - Police Explorers from J.M. and B.M. Mulkern - \$25.00
 - Crimestoppers to Citizens' Police Academy - \$6,216.40

Voted to approve and accept the donations to the Portsmouth Police Department, as listed.

13. Acceptance of Donation from Dan Fenderson, Subway
 - 4 table-chair assembly for use in the Vaughan Mall stage area - \$4,500.00

Voted to approve and accept the donation, as listed.

14. Acceptance of Donation to the Coalition Legal Fund
 - Town of Jackson - \$1,000.00

Voted to approve and accept the donation, as listed, to be placed in the Coalition Legal Fund.

15. Safe Routes to School 2008 Grant Support Request – Voted to accept the recommendation of the Safe Routes to School Committee and authorize the City Manager to apply for funds to the New Hampshire Department of Transportation and enter into an agreement with the NH Department of Transportation and allow the City to appropriate and expend City funds to be reimbursed by NHDOT, as presented.

16. Consent Agenda - Voted to adopt the Consent Agenda, as presented.

- A. Letter from Dick Samuels, Water Country, requesting permission to hold a City Employee's Day at Water Country on Saturday, June 14, 2008 from 11:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. (rain date June 15, 2008) (**Anticipated action – move to refer to the City Manager with power**)
- B. Renewal of Sidewalk Obstruction License with no changes from last year
 - Springers Jewelers – 1 A-frame sign

(Anticipated action – move to refer to the City Manager with power)

- C. Request from Daniel Fenderson, Subway, requesting permission for a Sidewalk Obstruction License to place 1 A-frame sign in front of establishment

(Anticipated action – move to refer to the City Manager with power)

17. Letter from Chris Sterndale, Cross Roads House, requesting the use of the city's Greenleaf Recreation Center property for parking purposes during the reconstruction of Cross Roads House – Voted to authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute a license agreement for the use of the property.
18. Letter from Peter Ames, American Cancer Society, requesting permission to hold a Health Care Access Event on Monday, May 19, 2008 at the Vaughan Mall from 4:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. and to park the Fight Back Express bus at the Worth Lot – Voted to refer to the City Manager with power.
19. Acceptance of Waterline Easement for Wal-Mart – Voted to authorize the City Manager to accept a waterline easement from Wal-Mart.
20. Establish City Council Work Sessions and Public Hearing:
 - Re-Use of 251 Bartlett Street (Creek Athletic Club) – June 2nd at 6:00 p.m.
 - Retirement System – September 15th at 6:00 p.m.
 - Public Hearing on Granite State Fair Tax Coalition – July 21st at 7:00 p.m.

Voted to establish the work sessions and public hearing, as presented.
21. Appointment to be Voted – Voted to appoint Tim Allison to the Economic Development Commission until October 1, 2009. Mr. Allison is filling the unexpired term of Clifford Taylor.
22. Traffic & Safety Committee Action Sheet and Minutes of the April 10, 2008 meeting – Voted to approve and accept the action sheet and minutes of the April 10, 2008 Traffic & Safety Committee meeting.
23. Parking Committee Action Sheet and Minutes of the April 10, 2008 meeting – Voted to approve and accept the action sheet and minutes of the April 10, 2008 Parking Committee meeting.
24. Miscellaneous/Unfinished Business – Bike/Walk to Work Day – May 16, 2008 (Not on agenda) – Voted to authorize the City Manager to work with SABR (Seacoast Area Bicycle Routes) on the Annual Bike/Walk to Work Day scheduled for Friday, May 16, 2008 in Market Square.
25. Adjournment – At 8:30 p.m., voted to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted by:

Kelli L. Barnaby, CMC/CNHMC
City Clerk